Frome Rural District Council.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR 1898.

Area—52,021 acres.
Population—(estimated to middle of 1898) 13,944.
Occupation—Agriculture and Coal Mining.

		1898.	1897.	1896.
Birth Rate	per 1,000 living	20	21·4	20·5
Death Rate	,, ,, ,, ...	12·5	11·4	11·6
Zymotic Rate	,, ,, ,, ...	·7	1·0	·2
Infant Mortality	,, ,, births	122	90	76

Total Births—Males, 145; Females, 132; total, 277. This is a decrease of 22 on last year.

Total Deaths—174, an increase of 15 on last year.

The Death-rate is higher than the last two years, the Infant Mortality being especially high; out of 277 children born, 34 died before reaching the age of 1 year.

The principal causes of death amongst Infants were as follows:—

Bronchitis	11	Whooping Cough	3
Diarrhœa, etc.	7	Convulsions	3
Premature Birth	4	Other Causes	6

The Register of Death shows the following:—

Ages at Death—

34	died under 1 year of age.	
11	,, between 1 and 5 years.	
6	,, ,, 5 ,, 15 ,,	
7	,, ,, 15 ,, 25 ,,	
56	,, ,, 25 ,, 65 ,,	
60	,, above the age of 65 ,,	
Total 174		

Causes of Death—

Whooping Cough	4	Bronchitis and Pneumonia	37
Diarrhœa	3	Heart Disease	19
Phthisis	6	Injuries	5
Puerperal Fever	1	Other Causes	94
Measles	5		

The Infectious Diseases Notification Act has been in force in the District since March, 1890, and works admirably.

The following cases have been notified during the year:—

Diphtheria	6
Puerperal Fever	1
Erysipelas	14
Membranous Croup	1
Total ...	22

This shows a decrease of 9 on the preceding year, and may be considered very satisfactory. The cases notified have occurred all over the District, and at irregular intervals throughout the year. On notification being received of any dangerous form of Infectious Disease, I immediately visit the premises, and take prompt steps to isolate the case and supply the necessary disinfectants, and to arrange for the removal of any insanitary conditions. In only one case did anything like an Epidemic occur, and that was at Berkley, where six cases of Diphtheria occurred. This outbreak was no doubt due to the very bad state of the Water Supply in this Parish, to which I have called the attention of the Council. The Council are at present considering the question of an Improved Water Supply to this area.

Water Supply.—No new Scheme has been carried out during the year. I have personally Inspected many wells, and have Analysed and reported upon 42 samples of water. In cases where the water has proved bad or doubtful, steps have been taken to close the wells or remedy their defects.

Sewerage—There is nothing to report.

Infectious Hospital.—There is none in the District. Cases are isolated in their own homes, and freely supplied with disinfectants.

Disinfecting Machine.—There is none in the District. Disinfection and Fumigation are carried out by the Medical Officer of Health and the Inspectors of Nuisances.

Dairies, Cow-sheds, etc., are Inspected occasionally, and, where necessary, reported upon.

Inspectors of Nuisances.—There are two, each with a sub-district. Both furnish Reports.

Housing of the Working Classes.—Several newly-erected premises have been inspected and reported upon during the year.

AUGUSTUS W. DALBY,

Medical Officer of Health.

FROME, *February*, 1899.

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Beckington	12	3				6	3	Under 5														1			1				1	3
								5 upwds.																1		3			5	9
Berkley.	3		1	1		1		Under 5												1										1
								5 upwds.																					2	2
Cloford	1						1	Under 5																						
								5 upwds.																	1					1
Elm.	2	1					1	Under 5																	1					1
								5 upwds.																					1	1
Marston	5	1				2	2	Under 5																	1					1
								5 upwds.																					4	4
Mere	16	3		2	1	4	6	Under 5													1				1				1	3
								5 upwds.																1	2	2		2	6	13
Orchardleigh	1	1						Under 5																						
								5 upwds.																					1	1
Rodden.	1						1	Under 5																						
								5 upwds.																	1					1
Selwood.	7	9	3	1	2	9	3	Under 5												2	1				4				5	12
								5 upwds.												1				2	3	3		1	5	15
Wanstrow	5	1	2	1		1		Under 5																	3					3
								5 upwds.																						2
Totals	73	19	6	5	3	23	17	Under 5												3	2	1			11				8	25
								5 upwds.												1				4	7	8		3	25	48

The subjoined numbers have also to be taken into account in judging of the above records of mortality. *See Note 5 on back.*

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Area and Population of the District or Division to which this Return relates.

Area in Acres _____

Population (Last Census) _____

" (Estimated to middle of 1898) _____

Death Rates.
- General _____ per 1,000 Population, estimated to middle of 1898.
- Infant (under one year of age) _____ per 1,000 Births Registered.

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(Date) _____, 1899.

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Lokatter	3					2	1	Under 5																						
								5 upwds.																		1			2	3
Witham	6					1	5	Under 5																						
								5 upwds.																		3			3	6
Babington	2	1					1	Under 5																					1	1
								5 upwds.																		1				1
Buckland	3					2	1	Under 5																						
								5 upwds.																	1	1			1	3
Farleigh	-							Under 5																						
								5 upwds.																						
Foxcote	2					1	1	Under 5																						
								5 upwds.																	1	1				2
Hardington	1					1		Under 5																						
								5 upwds.																					1	1
Hemington	12	2			1	4	5	Under 5													1	1								2
								5 upwds.																	2				8	10
Kilmersdon	22	4	1	1	2	5	9	Under 5																	2				3	5
								5 upwds.																2	6				9	17
Laverton	1		1					Under 5													1									1
								5 upwds.																						
Totals	52	7	2	1	3	16	23	Under 5													2	1			2				4	9
								5 upwds.																2	10	7			24	43

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Population (Last Census) _____

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Leigh-on-Mendip	9	2				4	3	Under 5																	1				1	2
								5 upwds.									1								3	2			1	7
Lullington	1		1					Under 5												1										1
								5 upwds.																						
Mells	9	1				5	3	Under 5																	1					1
								5 upwds.																	1	2			5	8
Norton St. Philip	7					2	5	Under 5																						
								5 upwds.																	1				6	7
Road	12	2			1	4	5	Under 5																					2	2
								5 upwds.																					10	10
Tellisford	1		1					Under 5																					1	1
								5 upwds.																						
Woolverton	1						1	Under 5																					1	1
								5 upwds.																						
Wraxall & Litton	9	3	1			2	3	Under 5														1						1	2	4
								5 upwds.																				1	4	5
1	73	19	6	5	3	23	17	Under 5												3	2	1			11				8	25
								5 upwds.												1				4	7	8		3	25	48
2	52	7	2	1	3	16	23	Under 5													2	1			2				4	9
								5 upwds.																2	10	7			24	43
Totals	174	34	11	6	7	56	60	Under 5												4	4	3		6	15			1	18	45
								5 upwds.									1			1					22	19		4	76	129

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Area and Population of the District or Division to which this Return relates.

Area in Acres 52021

Population (Last Census) 13237

" (Estimated to middle of 1898) 13944

13237 (Aud.)

Death Rates. General 12.5 per 1,000 Population, estimated to middle of 1898.

Infant (under one year of age) 122 per 1,000 Births Registered.

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Augustus W. Daly Medical Officer of Health.
Insp. Inst.

(Date) 29 January, 1899.

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(B)

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Beckington	855	906		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.																										
Berkley	346	368		Under 5			6																							
				5 upwds.																										
Clifford	160	169		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.																										
Elm	289	306		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.																										
Marston	264	280		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.																										
Nunney	914	968		Under 5											3															
				5 upwds.																										
Orchardleigh	47	50		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.																										
Rodden	160	169		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.																										
Selwood	1851	1862		Under 5											3															
				5 upwds.																										
Wanstrow	321	340		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.																										
				Under 5																										
				5 upwds.																										
Totals	5207	5518		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.			6								6															

State here whether "Notification of Infectious Disease" is compulsory in the District Yes. Since when? March 1890 Besides the above-mentioned Diseases, insert in the columns with blank headings the names of any other diseases that are notifiable in the District, and fill the columns accordingly. State here the name of the Isolation Hospital used by the sick of the District. Mark (H) the Locality in which such Hospital is situated; or if not within the District, state where it is situated. None available

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St. Howard	5207	5518		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.			6								6															
Whatley	404	428		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.											1															
Wittram	413	437		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.											1															
Babington	199	210		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.																										
Buckland	428	450		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.											1															
Farleigh	147	156		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.																										
Foxcote	62	65		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.																										
Hardington	47	50		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.																										
Hemington	630	654		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.																										
Kilmersdon	2438	2582		Under 5											2															
				5 upwds.																										
Laverton	108	114		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.																										
Totals	10083	10664		Under 5																										
				5 upwds.			6								11															

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St Howard.	10083	10664		Under 5																											
				5 upwds.			6								11																
Leigh	480	507		Under 5																											
				5 upwds.									1		1																
Lullington	119	126		Under 5																											
				5 upwds.																											
Walls.	953	950		Under 5																											
				5 upwds.											1																
Norton S. Philip	536	567		Under 5																											
				5 upwds.																											
Road.	470	500		Under 5																											
				5 upwds.																											
Tellisford	62	65		Under 5																											
				5 upwds.																											
Frolverton.	144	153		Under 5																											
				5 upwds.																											
Southlington	390	412		Under 5				1							1																
				5 upwds.																											
Total Births M			145	Under 5																											
				5 upwds.																											
" " F.			132	Under 5																											
				5 upwds.																											
Totals	13,237	13944	277	Under 5																											
				5 upwds.			6	1					1		14																

State here whether "Notification of Infectious Disease" is compulsory in the District _____. Since when? _____ Besides the above-mentioned Diseases, insert in the columns with blank headings the names of any other diseases that are notifiable in the District, and fill the columns accordingly. State here the name of the Isolation Hospital used by the sick of the District. Mark (H) the Locality in which such Hospital is situated; or if not within the District, state where it is situated _____

NOTES ON TABLE B.

(See also Notes on back of Table A.)

NOTE 1. The present *Table B.* is concerned with population, births, and sickness (not with mortality) in the district or division to which the Table relates.

2. As stated in the heading of Col. *(a), Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the new cases of sickness in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmaries, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received, are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

3. *Comments on any unequal incidence of notifiable disease upon the several localities, and considerations as to the local incidence of Consumption and other prevalent diseases, should be made in the text of the Report.*

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